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SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land is being acquired on NH-8, Delhi-Jaipur Highway for setting up of Special Economic Zone (SEZ);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the SEZ norms the land belonging to existing industries can be diverted for SEZs for other industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : Land/land usage is a State subject and the land acquisition is carried out by respective State Governments. All the State Governments have been informed on 15th June, 2007 that the Board of Approval will not approve any Special Economic Zones (SEZs) where the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory acquisition of land after 5th April, 2007.

(c)to(e) : The Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 prescribe that the identified area for setting up the SEZ should be vacant and contiguous. Further the developer must have legal possession, lease hold rights fro a period of twenty years or more and/or irrevocable rights to develop the said area as SEZ which should also be free from encumbrances.